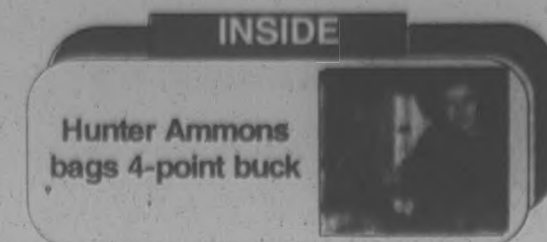


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Mayor Charles Cole urges motorists to use caution and obey the speed limit

U.S. Highway 84 bypass opens in New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole issued a plea to motorists Monday evening, Feb. 4, during the New Brockton Town Council meeting to use caution when traveling on the newly opened U.S. Highway 84 bypass around New Brockton.

"We as drivers need to be careful," said Mayor Cole.

The bypass opened for travel Friday, Feb. 1. The mayor said any time there is change there also will be conflicts. He noted a few occurrences already when motorists have made driving errors in making the transition

onto or around the bypass.

Mayor Cole also noted the need for extreme caution on the bypass in the area of New Brockton High School. He said the Department of Transportation (DOT) indicate they cannot post the area as a school crossing area because the bypass is not close enough to the school for it.

However, Mayor Cole did say the DOT officials share the town's concern for safety in the area and are working with the town in regards to the matter.

"DOT is concerned about safety," said Cole. "But, we've got to also be cautious as drivers."

On the day the bypass opened, Cole said one of the town's police officers checked the speed of motorists traveling the bypass near the school. He said the speed ranged anywhere from 60-88 miles per hour.

Cole also said he watched traffic travel through the intersection near the school Friday afternoon, and in less than 10 minutes more than 120 vehicles came through the intersection. He said that is a lot of traffic for one intersection.

Council member Cal Donnia Howard also asked motorists "to please drive carefully."

Council members seemed to

agree it can be easy to make driving errors in making the transition onto the new bypass, and they all strongly encouraged motorists to use extreme caution while traveling this new and currently unfamiliar route.

Mayor Cole also asked motorists to obey the speed limit when traveling the bypass.

Also during Monday evening's town council meeting, New Brockton resident Linda Pouncey addressed the council regarding a problem on Willow Street.

Pouncey said the problem is an old problem that residents have brought before the council in previous years.

Pouncey said residents of Willow Street would like to see the road widened. She also requested town officials study the situation of the road and make repairs to it as necessary to eliminate mud holes and other problems.

Mayor Charles Cole said he would ask the town's street superintendent to meet with the county engineer to study the situation and see what can be done to help the residents with the problem(s) on Willow Street.

During his report to council members, Police Chief Dale Grimes reported that Officer Heather Koerner had resigned from the department to accept a position with the Opp Police Department.

Grimes said Koerner will surely be missed. Before the meeting was adjourned, he presented Koerner with a plaque thanking her for her service to the New Brockton Police Department.

Koerner thanked town officials and Grimes for allowing her to go to the police academy to fulfill her dream. She added that it has been her pleasure to work for the Town of New Brockton.

In response to the announcement, council members approved a motion to accept Koerner's resignation.

Several council members spoke highly of Koerner and her service to the city. Each assured her she will be missed and thanked her for the good job she had done.



During Monday evening's New Brockton Town Council meeting, New Brockton Police Chief Dale Grimes presented a plaque of appreciation to Officer Heather Koerner thanking her for two years of dedicated service to the police department. Grimes announced during the council meeting that Koerner had resigned from the department to accept a position with the Opp Police Department.

City clerk updates council on installation of lights at airport

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met last week but had no business that needed votes.

Two items were on the "new business" list and both were tabled, but for different reasons.

A review of the franchise fees charged cable TV companies, etc. was to be reviewed. At the request of Mayor James Grimes this matter was tabled.

Grimes asked for more time to get needed data he felt the council should have before making a decision. He said there is no rush as Charter's contract has several months before renewal time and the new cable company coming into Elba is not yet ready to negotiate franchise fees.

Bids had been opened on the downtown sidewalk project and the engineers have reviewed them. However, before the

council can award a bid it must get the approval of the state highway department, which is funding the work. Therefore this matter was also tabled until a later meeting.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the new airport lights have been installed and are working. The final inspection of the airport upgrades would be done soon, according to Grantham.

The Clerk also reported that the City is making progress on getting all the residents out of the old Beaver Dam Trailer Park at the North end of the airport runway. He reminded council members that guidelines in the federal airport grant require finding the residents another place to live or somewhere to move their mobile homes and that is taking time.

The council scheduled a workshop for Monday night, February 4th.

Sign answers question of "What will it be?"



PROGRESS is being made in remodeling the former Hardee's building. Workers were installing the Burger King signs on Tuesday of this week. This marks a milestone in getting the facility up and running. It also ends the debate over exactly what type eatery was going to be housed in the remodeled building. Rumors have been all over the map as to what the name will actually be and any mention of the Burger King name often started a debate from someone who had just heard another unfounded rumor.

PowerSouth selects 2008 Elba High School youth tour winners

On Thursday, Jan. 31, a group of local eleventh-grade students experienced PowerSouth's commitment to community firsthand as they were selected as PowerSouth's 2008 Youth Tour winners.

The students will represent PowerSouth on the Montgomery Youth Tour March 4-6 and on the Washington Youth Tour June 14-19.

Each participating student wrote an essay on PowerSouth's past, present and future, with which they earned a place among the top five from their junior classes. The students were then scored on a written test and an interview competition at PowerSouth Headquarters in Andalusia.

Shelby Brunson, daughter of William and Rhonda Brunson, was selected as the Elba High School winner.

Brunson serves as majorette captain for the Elba High School Band, and is a member of FFA, VICA, Girl Scout Troop #300 and Covenant Community Church youth group. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served as chair of a local fundraiser and helped build the Elba Playground.

Robyne Hudson, daughter of C.S. Gallagher and Kala Hudson, was selected as the Elba High School runner-up.

Hudson is an all-state musician, clarinet section leader in the Elba High School band and an EHS Ambassador. She is a member of Senior Beta and "A" Club.

Andrew Head was selected as Elba High School's first alternate, and Meredith Brunson as second alternate.

PowerSouth has participated

in the Youth Tour program for more than 20 years, sponsoring students from Andalusia, Elba, Opp and Pike County high schools. The winner from each school represents PowerSouth at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. — all expenses paid.

The winners and runners-up from each school attend the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) Youth Tour in Montgomery, Ala., also with all expenses paid by PowerSouth.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C., every June since the late 1950s to learn about electric cooperatives, tour the nation's capital and meet with government leaders.



Elba High School's 2008 PowerSouth Youth Tour essay winners included (from left to right): Andrew Head, first alternate; Meredith Brunson, second alternate; Shelby Brunson, winner; and Robyne Hudson, runner-up.

Area Happenings

The Elba High School band will perform at the Elba High School band concert on Friday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elba High School gymnasium. The band will be performing a variety of songs, including "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Hotel California". The band is made up of students from Elba High School and is led by their band director, Mr. [Name].



A weather system filled with heavy rains hit the area last Thursday evening, Jan. 31, and by Friday morning, the Pea River in Elba was flowing at a much higher level than normal. As motorists traveled across the Pea River bridge on U.S. Highway 84 in Elba, they had no trouble spotting the river's water. A check on the river's stage around noon time Friday, Feb. 1, found the Pea River to be at 18.5 feet. A couple of hours later the level had dropped slightly to just over 18 feet. While this higher than normal reading did not create any worries of flooding, it did capture the attention of local residents as it has been quite some time since the river's banks have held that much water. A quick check around town also found water flowing steadily along the Beaver Dam Creek. Local residents seemed pleased with a fair amount of rainfall during the first month of 2008 considering the enormous drought the area suffered for a majority of 2007.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

We have commented before about all the e-mails received informing us of contest winnings, help sick woman get huge pots of money out of some foreign country, etc. Well in 2007 we saved them in a special folder entitled "scams" and the total was 475. As of Tuesday morning of this week there have already been 71 more stored in the "scam" file for 2008. This is only from our official, publicized "Elba Clipper" e-mail address and doesn't include those from a personal, unlisted (and free) Yahoo address sometimes used. Nor does it include the e-mails offering 10% of money received just to collect checks, deposit them in our account and forward the balance to some foreign bank "earn \$2,000 a month", etc. When banks (with insurance and regulations to protect the depositor) will do that for pennies per check, it has got to be rip-offs for dozens of such offers to hit our inbox every week.

Condoleezza Rice for Vice President . . . an e-mail received this week played with that possibility. The following is quoted from that message: "Although Condi has said that she will not run for president, it is likely that any Republican nominee could ask Condi to serve as a candidate for vice president. Condi has proven herself . . . exhibits grace under fire. She has also shown she can deal effectively with any crisis . . . has the rare and priceless ability to lead and inspire nations. Of course, she's a black woman too. . . . Now the sender of this e-mail was author Mary Beth Brown who wrote a book about Rice and maybe wanted to sell some more books, but the idea should make fodder for lots of coffee shop political debates in the coming months.

Hillary cried on TV again Monday. We wonder as the voters go to the polls on this Super Tuesday if it will have the same positive effect as it did in the New Hampshire primary last month. More than one voter has admitted plans to vote for Hillary Tuesday because she should be easier to defeat in November than Senator Obama.

Last week we commented about University of Alabama sports fans supporting Obama if his spin experts would space out his name to be "O Bama". Well right after that, one of those e-mails which circles the globe several times a day came in with a variation of the idea. They were going to put a "G" in front of the "O" and have Go Bama drawing avid Bama supporters to the Senator.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 28, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for a disruptive student, one for reckless endangerment, one for criminal mischief, one for theft of property, three for domestic violence, one for harassment, one for burglary, one for carrying a concealed weapon, one for domestic dispute, one motor vehicle accident, one private property accident, two for possession of marijuana and one for public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: two for violation of probation, four for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument, six for failure to appear, one for assault, two for possession of marijuana and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: thirty-one for violation of the seat belt law, ten for speeding, one for a revoked driver's license, two for violation of the child restraint law, one for running a stop sign, one for operating without insurance, one for carrying a weapon without a permit, three for improper equipment, four for a suspended driver's license, one for running a red light, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and one for an open container.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, JANUARY 28 - Wreck reported at Old Samson Rd. and Hwy. 87 S. (4:50 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hickman Ave. (12:22 p.m.).

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You can learn a lot cruising the seas

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On Saturday, Jan. 26, my sister and I set sail on quite the adventure as we took a Western Caribbean cruise that allowed us to visit parts of the world we had never seen before. We came home with lots of stories to tell and even more memories - some good, some bad and some just outright hilarious.

All in all though, I'd say it was a really great trip. One thing is for certain it was a trip that allowed us to witness some of nature's beauty through an up close and personal view. I also found the trip to be kind of educational as I let this new adventure be a time for trying new things.

Our home away from home was the Grandeur of the Seas from the Royal Caribbean cruise line, and I certainly felt at home as the entire crew was as hospitable as could be. We set sail from the port in Tampa, Florida last Saturday afternoon. By Sunday morning, well into our adventure with no land in sight.

Prior to leaving for the trip, many who had taken cruises told us that we would find plenty to eat on the cruise. Well, they were right! The first thing we did when we boarded the ship was to go to the buffet for lunch.

You'd finish one meal, and before you knew it, it was time for another meal. And, if you wanted something in between, it was available. By the end of the cruise, I was tired of eating! (if you can believe that)

Don't get me wrong though, I enjoyed the food. Well, I mostly enjoyed the food. There was that one experience with roasted duck. Let's just say, that was not my best choice of meals. I tried to be adventurous that evening (which by the way is a very big step for me), and it didn't work out so well. All I can say is - GROSS!

My sister, however, got quite a kick out of laughing at me and



The sunsets left me in awe last week during our cruise vacation. Scenes such as the one above were excellent examples of how beautiful nature truly can be.

my roasted duck.

On the other hand, I did find that I rather enjoy cold soups. I tried a few of those (mostly a fruit based soup) and found them to be quite tasty.

On Monday, Jan. 28, we docked in Cozumel, Mexico. Overall, I'd say Cozumel was a fun and interesting place to visit. The coolest thing to me, though, was the color of the water in Mexico. It was simply breathtaking. I had heard about the water, but the stories could not do it justice.

I also met Rambo in Cozumel, but unfortunately, there just isn't enough space in the paper to go into detail. I'll have to save that story!

On Tuesday, our adventure took us to Belize City, Belize. What can I say? That's most definitely was not the highlight of the trip. I bought a souvenir in Belize that referred to the place as "Unbelievable Belize" and it

certainly was.

Oh by the way, did I mention the temperatures. It was my kind of weather, shorts and t-shirts with temperatures in the 80s. As I sat relaxing in the sun, I often wondered what the temperature was like back home. All I can

say is, "I tried to soak in as much fun, sun and warmth as I could for everyone."

Now that the adventure is over, I can assure you it was a worthwhile trip, and I hope to again soon be "cruising the seas."

Congratulations
Kaelyn!

On January 13, 2008 Kaelyn Ashley Fillingim competed in the Coffee County Woodland & Forestry Scholarship Pageant. Kaelyn was named "2008 Petite Miss Coffee County Forestry."

Kaelyn is the daughter of Troy Fillingim & Holly Stinson. Kaelyn's grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. David Stinson of Elba, Dr. Beverly Fox of Daphne & Mr. Ted Fillingim of Jacksonville. Kaelyn will compete at the State level on June 14, 2008, in Auburn, Ala.

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• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise.
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• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.
• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
• **ELBA EXTENDED CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

It was a wonderful day for travel Monday, Jan. 28, in Cozumel, Mexico. This scene is from the port in Cozumel and shows a excellent view of the shore.

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Shuffling Through Our Files... (News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

10 Years Ago

• **Dorsey Trailers reports of profit for 4th quarter is good news for Elba** - Last week Dorsey Trailers released news that the company had reversed the losses of the past year and showed a profit for the fourth quarter of 1997.

• **Jerry F. Allen Coffee County's newest Alabama State Trooper** - Coffee County's state trooper strength has grown by one, Trooper Jerry F. Allen has been assigned to the Dathan State Trooper Post and will be working primarily in this county. Trooper Allen is originally from Gordon, Ala.

20 Years Ago

• **New six-lane stagefield in operation** - A new six-lane stagefield southwest of New Brockton has been completed and turned over to the Army Aviation Center at Ft. Rucker as of Friday, January 22nd.

• **New Arrival** - Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Vaughan of Elba are the proud new parents of a baby boy, Judson Will, born Jan. 26, 1988 at 7:37 p.m. in Enterprise Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs 8 oz.

30 Years Ago

• **Sam DeVane Accepted As Pi Kappa Phi** - An Elba student, Sam B. DeVane, has recently been initiated into Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at the University of Alabama. Sam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James DeVane.

• **"Angel Dust" Now A Problem in Elba** - Elba Police Chief M. W. Johnston reported this week that a number of cases of local use of "angel dust" had occurred. He said that this highly dangerous drug was being sprinkled over low-grade marijuana and sold a top grade "pot." Johnston said the "angel dust" (or PCP) is a type of LSD, is highly unpredictable and side

effects can occur years later.

40 Years Ago

• **Distinguished Flying Cross Awarded Enterprise Soldier** - For heroism in combat Army Major Burt P. Redmon, son of Mrs. B. H. Redmon, received the Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies near Qui Nihon, Vietnam, last month. Piloting a rocket-armed helicopter, Major Redmon made numerous low level rocket-firing passes over enemy positions and succeeded in destroying them although receiving intense ground fire.

• **First Baptist BWC holds recent meetings** - Mrs. Nellie Martin was hostess to the BWC of the First Baptist Church on January 29th.

50 Years Ago

• **Time Meters At Courthouse Here Opposed** - The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee adopted a resolution unanimously at last week's meeting in opposition to the installation of parking meters about the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba.

• **Everette Kelley Red Cross Chairman** - Lister Brunson, Chairman of the West Coffee County Red Cross Chapter has announced the appointment of Everette Kelley as the Chairman of the Local Red Cross Fund Drive for 1958, which will start Mar. 1. Mr. Kelley is busy selecting committees to work with him and he expects to

announce these workers within the next couple of weeks.

• **Homecoming Events Set at Zion Chapel** - Zion Chapel High School will hold its annual Homecoming and Barbecue Saturday, Feb. 8. Festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a basketball game and will continue through 8 p.m. All former students, former teachers, and friends have been invited by the committee in charge. Barbecue will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at 75 cents a plate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It seems as though it has not been a year since I renewed The Elba Clipper. I keep in contact by the information in the paper. My parents always got the paper so I followed them!

I learned many things about my classmates of long ago, in the obituary section now. My how time flies, a lifetime is gone before you realize it. The obituary for Mrs. Eric Crook renewed me that 70 years ago last October I began my school days in a one room wooden school, Glen Springs. She was

my teacher through 1, 2, 3 and 5 grades.

I have her memory to remind me with a teacher you can learn anywhere, if the teacher is dedicated to her students.

Thank you again for the kind words you bring with your paper.

Sincerely,
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A Taste of Freedom

On Sunday, February 27, 1855, with snow crackling underfoot, the long funeral procession wound its way slowly through the Russian capital of St. Petersburg. At the head of the procession was a coffin containing the body of the recently deceased Tsar Nicholas I. It was being taken from the ornate Winter Palace to the cathedral inside the gates of the Peter and Paul Fort.

Immediately behind the coffin walked the deceased Tsar's eldest son, thirty-six year old Alexander Romanov who now ruled Russia as Tsar Alexander II. The nation over which Alexander assumed absolute control was one that progress had failed to visit on her journey across Europe. Although sixty times larger than the British Isles, Russia had only ten per cent as many miles of rail lines as Great Britain, its infant mortality rate was twice that found in England, and its agricultural production per farmer, was one third that of British farmers.

Nor was the Russian population an educated one. Eighty per cent of its people were illiterate peasants, half of whom were serfs owned by Russian nobles. Even though many serf families

had lived and worked on the same land for hundreds of years, they had no more rights than America's slaves.

Within a year of becoming Tsar, Alexander privately announced to a small group of nobles his intention to free the serfs during his reign. He promised not to act without first consulting the nobles, to ensure their rights and incomes were protected.

Alexander believed he was walking a fine line. By freeing the serfs, he risked alienating the nobles upon whose support he depended. By not freeing them, he feared a nationwide revolution. The Tsar hoped to navigate a treacherous middle path that would please everyone.

For the next five years, Alexander's emancipation plan languished in the bureaucracy as nobles expressed their doubts and concerns, while Russia's educated elite pressed the Tsar to act quickly. Among the educated elite urging freedom for the serfs, together with a more open and liberal society, were Leo Tolstoy, hailed as one of the nineteenth century's greatest novelists, and Fyodor Dostoevsky, whose later novel Crime and Punishment is recognized as one of the 19th century's finest novels.

Next Week: The 19th Century Philosopher Who Triggered a 20th Century Revolution.

THE WEB JOURNEY

Alexander II and His Times

This is the electronic version of a 2002 book written by Professor Walter Moss of Eastern Michigan University (and published by Anthem Press). It covers the period 1855 to 1881. The author provides a snapshot of Russian society, including extensive detail about Alexander's 1881 assassination and detailed information about leading nobles, intellectuals, and politicians.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/7eva2>

Emancipation Manifesto

This is the manifesto published in the name of Tsar Alexander II on March 3, 1861. In it, the Tsar declares that serfs will become free citizens of Russia with the rights and privileges of Russian citizens.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/dribly>

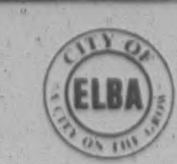
The Face of Russia

This PBS resource includes a timeline of Russian events from 850 to the present day with brief explanations of the major events and their impact on the nation. It also includes a glossary of commonly used Russian words and links to other cultural, historical, and educational resources.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/9xmua>

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Obituaries

Obits updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

SALLY YOUNGBLOOD SIMS

Mrs. Sally Youngblood Sims, age 73, of Enterprise, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services will be held at Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Enterprise, with Rev. Gary Daniel officiating. Burial will follow in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Enterprise, with Providence Funeral Home

directing. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until service time on Friday at the church.

Survivors include her husband, Pinckney Sims; Enterprise; two daughters: Elizabeth Committo (husband Michael) Quincy, MA, Charlotte Hill (husband Mike) Eau Claire, WI.

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The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, through the Victoria & Albert Museum.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

On February 10, 1840, the Queen of England was married. She ascended the throne three years earlier upon the death of her father, and would reign over the British Empire until her death in 1901. Her husband, whom she worshipped, would die in 1861. For the final forty years of her reign, the Queen would be in mourning for her husband. Who was the Queen of England and who was the man she married? Do you need to find the answer, or want to get more information? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/9zxko>

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Rapa Nui (Easter Island) is located in the Pacific Ocean between South America and Polynesia. The island covers 63 square miles and was first settled about 800 AD, when Polynesian settlers arrived by canoe. Their society flourished until their needs overwhelmed the available resources. The Easter Islanders built massive statues that, even though the island is no longer populated, remain as one of the wonders of the world. Find out about the island, its people, and the great statues at <http://tinyurl.com/dlfuco>

Easter Island Statues, through the University of California at Los Angeles

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Huntingdon College invites students and families to Host Day

The Huntingdon College is open to prospective students and their families on the last of three Host Day events to be held this academic year, Saturday, March 1. Huntingdon Host Days are offered from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided) in the College's historic main building, Flowers Hall. During Host Days, prospective students and families may tour the campus, meet with Huntingdon faculty,

staff, coaches, and students, and learn more about the admission and financial aid processes at Huntingdon College. The March 1 Host Day coincides with men's and women's tennis matches and an afternoon baseball game at 2:00 p.m. with Emory University. Families are invited to stay for these events as guests of the College. For more information or reservations, contact the Office of

Admission and Financial Aid at (334) 833-4497, (800) 763-0313, or admiss@huntingdon.edu. Founded in 1854, Huntingdon College, grounded in the Judeo-Christian tradition of the United Methodist Church, is committed to nurturing growth in faith, wisdom, and service and to graduating individuals prepared to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

KINSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

2nd Nine Weeks

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"A-B" Honor Roll

1st Grade
Kasady Marie Cardwell, Daniel Blake Carpenter, Tatiana Shaunte Frederic Henderson, Zachary Slade Jacobs, Stacey LaVaughn Nelson, Harley Kendall Norris, Chae Linh Phan, Samantha Reyes, Kaitlyn Page Louise Wood

2nd Grade

Madison Nicole Courson, Tanner Alan Morris, Tifton Bryant Norsworthy, Kaitlyn Myra Salter, Autumn Taylor Scott, Corey Blaine Stanford, Brandon Matthew Thompson, Austin Thomas Wise

3rd Grade

Alison Scott Bailey, John Cameron Carnley, Samuel Talmage Coale, Devin Tyler Cramblert, Brandi Lee Davis, Krysten Nicole Dorsey, Traylin Don Jacobs, Katie Allison Mack, Laken Shianne McBride, Cierra Nicole McCollough, Dawson Samuel Odom, Leslie Morgan Reeves

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ZION CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PAID A VISIT TO ENTERPRISE-OZARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE recently where they learned all about being admitted to college, registering for classes, applying for financial aid, selecting a major, attending classes, and joining college clubs and organizations. The EOCC Mentors, the College's official hosts, assisted students with questions and decisions and took the seniors on a tour of the Enterprise Campus. The Kinston Seniors were also treated to a program by the EOCC Entertainers. Other area high school seniors will be visiting EOCC in the coming weeks.

NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

2nd Reporting Period

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade
Emily Anderson, Faith Caylor, Alexis Hall, Britney Magwood

8th Grade

Clarie Bailey, Megan Coleman, Savannah Ellis, Lindsey Foster, Jena Freese, Olivia Sasser

9th Grade

Whitney Brantley, Brittany Clarke, Heather Hendrix, Chelsey Holloway, Steven Smith

10th Grade

Justin Farris, Adam Pope, Nick Stephenson

11th Grade

Erica Locklin, Jessica Parrish

12th Grade

Josh Adkison, Jacklynn Broxton, Fara Shoyokubova

"A-B" Honor Roll

7th Grade
Robyn Adkison, Ashlee Allen, D.J. Archie, Juliana Bayhi, Kaitlyn Corbett, Nathan Credille, Katelyn Hutto, Nicki Lee, Christen Lindsey, Alyson McAnear, Ashton Morrow, Shakiera Newson, Taylor Pearson, Zach Thomas, Josh Tipton, Kyle Turner, Jesse Watson, Ryan Watson

8th Grade

Shelby Adkins, Brittany Carpenter, Sloan Cotter, Kaitlan Crosby, Abby Gatlin, Sanh Herbert, Laken Hornsby, Danley Mock, Darian Morrow, Allison Snell, Kimberly Stephenson, Kiana Thomas

9th Grade

Cailynn Bastion, Alyssa Brown, Shelby Caradine, Nathan Compher, Dean Hamilton, Brandi Hendrix, Courtney Williams

10th Grade

Christie Andrews, Emily Bowers, Mollie Brown, Shelby Brown, Abby Dunaway, Chase Hendrix, Jessica Hilver, Tori James, Shambray Johnson, Skyler Lee, Kristin Wood

11th Grade

Zeb Danley, Chelsea Dempsey, Maranda Foust, Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Pair, Ashley Quattlebaum, Anna Beth Sawyer, Chelsea Smith, Vanessa Stuckey

12th Grade

Courtney Foster, Andrew Fuller, Daniel Kelley, Cory Kochakian, Monica Largess, Britney Long, Kendall Persin, Aaron Pope, Rachel Troyer, Beth Vaughan, Sonya Watley

"A-B" Honor Roll

7th Grade
D.J. Archie, Juliana Bayhi, Kaitlyn Corbett, Nathan Credille, Austin Green, Alexis Hall, Amber Hull, Katelyn Hutto, Nicki Lee, Christen Lindsey, Alyson McAnear, Ashton Morrow, Shakiera Newson, Emily Smith, Zach



Della Stabler, escorted by Joel Killingsworth of Auburn, recently celebrated her 18th birthday with a Civil War-Era ball at Kiesel Park in Auburn. Della is the granddaughter of Mrs. Evelyn Hocutt of Elba.

Della Stabler is honored on 18th birthday with Civil War-Era Ball in Auburn

Della Stabler, daughter of Steve and Deborah Hocutt Stabler of Auburn, recently celebrated her 18th birthday with a Civil War-Era ball at Kiesel Park in Auburn. Della was joined by about 20 friends dressed in period costumes to enjoy a program led by Mrs. Nanci Hendrix of West Point, Ga., as she taught the young people dances from the era, such as the Virginia Reel, the broom dance and the waltz.

Nearly 40 family members of the young people gathered to watch and to enjoy a light buffet supper at the Nunn-Winston House, a house built in the mid-1800s on Gay Street in Auburn and moved to Kiesel Park and renovated for public use about 10 years ago.

Attending the ball from Elba were the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Hocutt, and from Greenville her other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Stabler.

NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

1st Semester Average

Semester Average

Thomas, Josh Tipton, Ty Wallace, Jesse Watson

"A" Honor Roll

Robyn Adkison, Ashlee Allen, Emily Anderson, Faith Caylor, Britney Magwood, Taylor Pearson, Kyle Turner, Jesse Watson, Ryan Watson

8th Grade

Shelby Adkins, Amber Barnett, Chad Beavers, Brittany Carpenter, Megan Coleman, Sloan Cotter, Kaitlan Crosby, Abby Gatlin, James Haynes, Sanh Herbert, Laken Hornsby, Darian Morrow, Allison Snell, Kimberly Stephenson, Kiana Thomas

9th Grade

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10th Grade

Emily Bowers, Mollie Brown, Shelby Brown, Chase Hendrix, Tori James, Chelsea Lindsey, Ebonee Muhammad, Sarah Sims, Josh Stanton, Nick Stephenson, Krista Thomas, Kristin Wood

11th Grade

Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Pair, Ashley Quattlebaum, Anna Beth Sawyer, Chelsea Smith

12th Grade

Megan Davis, Emilee Dunn, Kristine Fitzgerald, Andrew Fuller, Daniel Kelley, Monica Largess, Britney Long, Bethany Lott, Nicole Martineck, John Perdue, Jay Prescott, Fara Shoyokubova, Tiffany Taylor, Rachel Troyer

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Elba United Methodist Church

A Time To Begin Again

The season of Lent began yesterday, Ash Wednesday. I love the Lenten season because it is a time of penitence and a time to start over again. It is a time to really see what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Please read Joel 2:1-17.

I remember when I was in grammar school. We would practice writing our letters in our writing tablets. Mrs. Lecroy, my 2nd grade teacher, would often tell us, "Start over, that is too messy." We all have moments in our lives when we need to begin again. We all have those moments when we gain a new perspective or are lifted by a new insight.

Lent is a time when we have the opportunity to start over. Lent is a time for us to take a fresh look at our lives and see what direction we need to go. As we reflect upon the cross in this Lenten season, may we see that our sins are forgiven and that Jesus makes it possible for us to start over and return to the ways of the Lord. There is a beautiful hymn, "This Is a Day of New Beginnings," that says it well:

"The let us, with the Spirit's daring step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find."

Family and Friends Day planned at Greater New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Family and Friends Day will be held at Greater New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, New Brockton, Ala., on Sunday, February 10, 2008 beginning at 11 a.m. The theme will be "A

Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church to have special services

Ordination Services Sunday, planned for February 10, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. The Ordination Services for Reverend Jerome Weldon will be held at the Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, AL. Dr. W. J. Curry and the Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Andalusia, AL will be special guests.

Annual Men's Day Program will be Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Pleasant

Shade Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their annual Men's Day Program. Dr. J. H. Williams and the Friendship Baptist Church of Enterprise will be special guests. For more information call the church at 347-5195

The Singing Echoes and The Dyess Family to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The Singing Echoes and the Dyess Family will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Friday, February 29 at 7 p.m. The church is located about 5 miles east of Opp, AL on HWY 84. For more information, call 334-493-7413.



Round & About

With Eria
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SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 4:6-9

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Lila Ingram, Rev. Mary Bates, Rubie D. Watson, Aarrian Henderson, Randy Daniels, Betty Burks, Estell Franklin, Isaiah Franklin

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ronnie Caldwell, February 2, Lula Cole, February 2, Vera Lindsey Williams, February 2 (In Memory Of), Eria Lindsey Belcher, February 2, Nettie Ruth Lindsey, February 5 (In Memory Of), Lucile Rideaux, February 7 (In Memory Of), Melzia Lindsey, February 7 (In Memory Of), Willie English, February 8, Patricia Chatmon, February 8

THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., Rev. N. Fleming, pastor, on Sunday, February 10, 2008 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Featured will be 100 Women in White and the guest speaker will be Minister Pattie Culver, Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala.

Legislature Prayer Breakfast enjoyed by everyone

Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer, and other guests enjoyed breakfast and a time of prayer and fellowship at the Coffee Baptist Association Center in New Brockton on Tuesday morning.

Revival Services scheduled at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Rev. Don Polston and the church family at Woodland Grove Baptist Church, County Road 235, Elba, Ala., announce revival services February 17-20, 2008. Sunday services begin at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Revival Services scheduled at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Monday through Wednesday guest time is 7:00 p.m. Guest Evangelist is Reverend Bill Hart, Pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist in Ozark, Ala. For more information call: Reverend Polston at 347-1996.

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Samsom, Ala.
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 9:45 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Stuckland, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Service, 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Bess, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Ron Stullard, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Rev. David Tadlock
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Night, 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE CHURCH
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 2nd BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 3rd BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 4th BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 5th BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 6th BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 7th BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 8th BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Paul Kendrick retires from the Washington Baptist Association

On December 31, 2007, Dr. Paul D. Kendrick retired from the Washington Baptist Association, Chatham, Alabama, after serving eighteen years as the executive director in the title, Director of Missions. He now resides in his home in the Zion Chapel community.

He entered the gospel ministry in 1950 and was ordained by the Zion Chapel Baptist Church, Jack, Alabama. Over a period of thirty-nine years he served as pastor in nine different churches: Bluff Springs, Ino; Mount Olive and Westview Baptist churches in the Coffee Baptist Association; Ebenezer Baptist Church in Salem-Troy association; Piney Grove in Geneva association; Goodsprings in the Walker association.

He was married in 1950 to Mavis Eddins of Jack; until her death in 2007 they were married for fifty-six years. They were parents to three sons, Milton, Ronald, and Russell, and two daughters, Lisa and Candace. Their family now includes thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dr. Kendrick holds four degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Samford University; Master of Science in Education, Troy University; and Master of Divinity, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana.

7th Annual Wild Game Banquet set for February 15th at Ino Baptist Church

The 7th Annual Wild Game Banquet will be held Friday, February 15, 2008 at Ino Baptist Church. Admission to the event is free. Doors open at 5 p.m. and supper is served at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Ronnie Smith of Ronnie Smith Outdoors. There will be good exhibits and door prizes.

Benefit Barbecue to be held at Elba Church of God

The Elba Church of God is having a benefit Barbecue Saturday, Feb. 9th. Serving will begin at 11:00 AM. Deliver is available if necessary. Call 897-2989.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church to hold gospel singing on Saturday, February 9th

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Serving will begin at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be Derreck Snellgrove and the Chosen.

Gospel singing planned at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 16, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Riverwong.

Worship at the Church of Your Choice This Sunday!

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Lamar Dunn
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service, 7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Gary Dunn, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Holly Williams-Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service, 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Wehler
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11

SCHOOLS

JOURNALISM Spotlight

by Brittany Davis



This week's journalism spotlight is April Denise Price.

April is the 18-year-old daughter of Cynthia McGuire Price. April's favorite thing about journalism is writing and being able to express her ideas.

April's hobbies include playing volleyball, writing, reading and eating delicious foods. She describes herself as opinionated, outgoing and open-minded.

After graduation April plans on attending the University of Alabama at Birmingham and receiving a degree in psychology.

Elba B-team and Varsity boys outscore Geneva County

by Kim Blue

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Elba High School basketball teams played against Geneva County schools.

To start off, Elba's B-team played a very good game. Elba's B-team star player, Kendrick Robertson, scored a total of 21 points. However, everyone on the B-team scored points and played throughout the game.

Coach Hammonds stated, "At the beginning of the season, my team did not depend on each other; now, they have learned that if you want to win, you have to depend on each other throughout the game."

As the time ran out on the



Kendrick Robertson scored 21 points for the B-team in the victory over Geneva County.

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Maya Donnet was driving only 25-30 miles per hour when she ran off the road and the car turned up on its roof. She was unhurt but hung upside down by her seatbelt. Seconds later the windshield came loose from the car. The roof was no longer able to support the weight of the car so it crushed her neck causing her to be quadriplegic.

These are two examples of just how important a Properly Bonded-Original Equipment Windshield is to your safety. They accurately depict what happens too often to innocent people in Alabama. We have consistently had the 8th highest number of rollover fatalities of all 50 states. Think about that! Though many are much larger, 42 of our sister states have fewer people killed than the small state of Alabama. For auto accidents of all kinds, the fatality rate for our children ages 15-19 years has been the 2nd highest in the nation. In 2005 our national fatality rate was 14.7%. The Coffee County rate was 19.75%. In 2006 it went to 30.42%. These numbers are not just numbers when it is someone you love. Many auto glass safety advocates place much of the blame for our extraordinarily high accident fatality rate on insurance companies. Why? Please visit our new website at www.carlesglass.com to find the answer. You can also call us at 566-4343 or you may email us at carlesglass@troyable.net.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

Elba Elementary School celebrates School Board Appreciation Month

by Kelly Corder

Elba Elementary School students honored their dedicated school board members Friday Jan. 18, with lunch at the elementary school.

Each class made posters of appreciation that were displayed on the walls of the cafeteria for the board members to enjoy. An apple theme was carried out in the table decorations.

Each board member was given a key chain as a keepsake of the day and a token of appreciation extended to them for



Jacquetta Whitfield was a stand-out player for the Lady Tigers in the Geneva County game.

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LBWCC Ensemble performs for Elba students

by Kelly Corder and
Tierney Starks

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, the LBWCC Ensemble and its band journeyed to EHS to perform a special concert for Elba High School.

The ensemble performed classic songs such as "Foot Loose" and "Great Balls of Fire," as well as a number of songs from the 80s. Some of the members of the ensemble also performed solos. For example, Landon Morgan sang "Home" by Chris Daughtry.

The high school students enjoyed the performance, singing and clapping while the band sang. The final song the ensemble sang was "Sweet Home Alabama," and some students went into the aisles and did the Electric Slide with the members of the band.

The EHS students enjoyed the concert and had a wonderful time singing along.

Later that day, the ensemble performed again for the elementary school in the EHS auditorium.

The kids screamed and yelled for the ensemble. They had a great time.

Besides "Foot Loose" and "Great Balls of Fire," the ensemble also performed "Respect" by Aretha Franklin, "Wasted" by Carrie Underwood, "Last Name" by Carrie Underwood, "Shout," and "Keep Your Hands to Yourself."

The elementary students enjoyed getting into the music and having fun with the band. As is true each year LBW's performance was a hit.

The MH Strength Team will perform Thursday, Feb. 14, at Elba Elementary School and Elba High School.

Grad Ad's are on sale! Prices are as follows: \$50 for 1/8 page black and white, \$55 color; \$90 for 1/4 page black and white, \$100 color; \$110 for 1/2 page black and white, \$125 color; \$160 for full page black and white, \$180 color. The ads will remain on sale through February. This will be the final deadline.

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The LBW Community College Ensemble performed Wednesday, Jan. 30, for Elba students.

The EHS students enjoyed the concert and had a wonderful time singing along.

Later that day, the ensemble performed again for the elementary school in the EHS auditorium.

The kids screamed and yelled for the ensemble. They had a great time.

Besides "Foot Loose" and "Great Balls of Fire," the ensemble also performed "Respect" by Aretha Franklin, "Wasted" by Carrie Underwood, "Last Name" by Carrie Underwood, "Shout," and "Keep Your Hands to Yourself."

The elementary students enjoyed getting into the music and having fun with the band. As is true each year LBW's performance was a hit.

The MH Strength Team will perform Thursday, Feb. 14, at Elba Elementary School and Elba High School.

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SCHOOLS

Zion Chapel
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NEWS

Julie Norris, Sponsor

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Focus on Faculty

(Fifth Grade Teachers)

by Cera and Carolyn

Name: Ginger Vinson
When is your birthday? April 30

How long have you been teaching? 17 years
What do you think about Zion Chapel?

Zion Chapel is a good school surrounded by a very supportive community.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? U.S. history - I like being able to teach students how the past directly effects their future.

What are your hobbies? Motorcycle riding, gardening, and spending time near the water.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Key Women Educators, Altrusa International of Jack.

What is your biggest achievement? Every day is an achievement when you touch the lives of the future.

What is your most embarrassing moment? Tripping over a fence and knocking my front teeth out.

Do you have any children? If so, how many? Leanna (16) and Shelby Jo (13).

What college(s) did you attend? Troy University and currently Auburn University Montgomery.

Auburn or Alabama? War Eagle! Although both are fine educational institutions.

Name: Melinda Stinson
When is your birthday? August 9

How long have you been teaching? This is my 28th year and ALL have been at Zion Chapel!!!!

What do you think about Zion Chapel? Zion Chapel is the most loving and supporting community possible. It is filled with wonderful parents who love their children more than themselves.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love most standing in front of a group of children when they are hanging onto my every word. It is like I am giving them the secrets of the universe.

What are your hobbies? I love to read, but mostly I love spending time with my family - especially the grandchildren!!!!

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? AEA, CCEA, NEA, Delta Kappa Gamma.

What is your biggest achievement? Raising two wonderful, loving children as a single woman.

What is your most embarrassing moment? One would be my cell phone going off during a meeting, but by the time this is printed, there will probably be another.

Do you have any children? If so, how many? Yes, I have a daughter, Morgan Spivey; a son, Macon Hodge; a step-daughter, Shea Windham; a grandson, Hudson Spivey; and two step-grandchildren, Hunter and Raegan Windham.

What college(s) did you attend? I attended EOCC (when it was ESJC) and Troy University (when it was State University).

Auburn or Alabama? Alabama, of course!!!

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie celebrated her 19th birthday on Monday and while we didn't get to be with her on the actual day of her birthday, we did take her shopping over the weekend and took the family out to eat Sunday night. She said she didn't really need anything as we headed out shopping, but my pockets were empty by the time we made it back home. So, I guess she came out okay. Happy Birthday!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season last week with one win in three games and will carry a 10-14 record into the area tournament this week in Straughn. The Tigers did get a win over Geneva County to snap their eight game losing streak, but ended the season with only one win in their final eleven games and won't exactly be on a roll when they head into post-season play. Coach Johnson and his players are confident they can pull off an upset or two in post-season play. However, it will take a lot more effort than they have shown at times over the past three weeks.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers dropped all three games last week and will limp into the area tournament with a 7-14 record. The Lady Tigers scored in the twenties in all three losses last week, and will have to find their offense this week if they are to have any hope of moving on into sub-region play. The Elba girls have shown at times they can indeed play well, but late in the season they seem ready to hang up their sneakers. One more loss and that will be what they get to do.

*** The area tournaments tip off this week all over the state, and closer to home several teams are excited about the upcoming post-season party. On the boys side of the bracket the Kinston Bulldogs will be hosting a tournament and should be the favorites to move on out of their own home court, while Brantley will be favored to claim the area crown on the road in Florida and New Brockton should escape from the action up in Barbour County and move on. Zion Chapel is looking at a third straight winless season, and unless something unexpected happens the streak will go on. Over on the girls side of the bracket, look for the Brantley Lady Bulldogs to roll out of the tourney on their home court with an area crown, while Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel will have to pull off a major upset to have their seasons continue.

*** The recent rainy weather has the baseball and softball coaches at Elba High scratching their heads and wondering if they will be able to open the season on their home fields. There has been a lot of work done on both fields in recent weeks, but with the heavy rains coming at least once a week the fields are soaked and final preparation on the actual playing fields has come to a stop. Maybe the weatherman will cooperate in the days to come and the teams will get to play at home on their new and greatly improved fields.

*** In closing... The Brantley Bulldogs announced their 2008 football schedule recently and the Bulldogs will open their season at home on a Friday night against Luverne. The Bulldogs had been playing their cross-county rivals the final week of the season on a Thursday night for years, but have changed the series to a Friday and now will kick off the season against their biggest rivals. Brantley added Daleville to take Elba's place on the schedule and will oppose the 4A Warhawks the final week of the season.

Youth baseball and softball registration set for Feb. 11-22

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct registration for youth baseball and softball from Monday, February 11 through Friday, February 22. Registration fees are \$25 per child with a \$50 maximum fee for families with more than two registrants, and registration forms will be passed out at the Elba Elementary School, Elba High School and all area daycares.

Leagues in baseball include T-Ball (ages 3-5), Coach-Pitch Baseball (ages 6-8), Dixie Minor Baseball (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth Baseball (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors Baseball (ages 17-19). Leagues in softball include T-Ball (ages 3-5), Coach-Pitch Softball (ages 6-8), Dixie Angels Softball (ages 9-10), Dixie Ponytails Softball (ages 11-12), Dixie Belles Softball (ages 13-15) and Dixie Debs

Softball (ages 16-19). A copy of each child's birth certificate should accompany the registration form when turned in unless one is already on file. Correct jersey size is also requested on the registration form.

All T-Ball and Coach-Pitch games will be held in Elba at Hawkins-Williams Park, while baseball and softball games in other leagues will play in Elba and on the road and compete against New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Kinston, Brantley and Arton.

The Recreation Department is now seeking coaches for all teams in all leagues. It is hoped that coaches will be in place prior to the end of the registration period to allow for a quick player selection process.

For more information or for a registration form contact the Recreation Department at 897-6833.

Men's softball tourney set for Feb. 23

There will be a men's softball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Enterprise Sports Complex. The entry fee is \$135 per team and each team must provide its own regulation softballs. A 3-5 home-run rule will

be in effect and the deadline to enter is Feb. 21 at 12:00 (noon). For more information contact Nancy at 598-4322 or 763-0327.

With 64-61 win over Geneva County

Elba Tigers snap long losing streak

The Elba Tigers closed out regular season action last week with three games and claimed one win in the three outings to end the regular season with a 10-14 record.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Luverne 74 Elba 52

The Elba Tigers traveled to Luverne last Monday night and saw a fourth quarter meltdown result in a 74-52 loss to the Luverne Tigers. Elba came out ready to play against its rival from Crenshaw County and opened up a 12-7 first quarter lead. Luverne pulled even at 31-31 by the end of the half and sneaked ahead 50-46 heading into the final stanza. However, the Tigers scored only six points in the final period and watched as Luverne pulled away to claim the 74-52 win.

Gavin Respress scored 16 points and Quenton Caldwell added 13 to lead Elba, while Barber led Luverne with 19 points.

Luverne (74): Cannon 4, K. Jackson 15, May 4, Perry 2, Barber 19, Leach 9, Lowery 11, Jackson 8, Harris 2.

Elba (52): Hudson 2, Respress 16, Mitchell 8, Phillips 2, Bryant 7, Cooks 2, Caldwell 13.

Elba 64 Geneva County 61

The Elba Tigers snapped their eight-game losing streak last Tuesday night by rallying past the Geneva County Bulldogs 64-61. The Tigers came out sluggish and trailed 16-7 after one quarter of play, but began a rally in the second quarter and by the end of the half had cut the Bulldog advantage to 26-20. Elba began to find the range

from the floor in the third quarter and pulled within 45-44, then capped off the comeback in the final stanza to pull out the exciting 64-61 win.

Trey Belcher scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Gavin Respress added 13 and Keenan Phillips and Richard Cooks both scored 10. Reese led Geneva County with 23 points.

Elba (64): Hudson 2, Respress 13, Phillips 10, Hammonds 2, Bryant 4, Cooks 10, Belcher 21, McBride 2, Geneva Co. (61): Sconyers 10, Lett 6, Jones 13, Reese 23, Key 9.

Opp 43 Elba 31

The Elba Tigers got off to a slow start and saw a late rally fall far short Friday night in a 43-31 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Neither team could find its way to the goal in the first quarter as Opp snuck out to an early 9-6 lead, and while the Bobcats did begin to find their range from the floor in the second quarter, the Tigers continued their struggles and went in at the half trailing 23-13. Elba's offensive woes continued in the third quarter as Opp stretched its lead to 32-19, and while the Tigers did finally heat up in the final stanza it was too little, too late, as the Bobcats held on for the 43-31 win.

Keenan Phillips scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Albert Wilson and Donald Jones both scored 10 points for the Bobcats.

Opp (43): Spears 6, Wilson 10, Free 7, Jacey 1, Jones 10, Lane 2, Matthews 3.

Elba (31): Respress 2, Mitchell 7, Harrison 2, Phillips 8, Bryant 1, Cooks 4, Caldwell 3, McBride 4.

Elba Lady Tigers close regular season with three straight losses

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the hardwood three times last week to close out the regular season and failed to find a winner in each of the three games. The Lady Tigers closed out the regular season with a 7-14 record.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Luverne 41 Elba 21

The Elba Lady Tigers got off to a slow start and never recovered last Monday night in a 41-21 loss to Luverne. Elba struggled on the offensive end of the court in the opening stanza and trailed 12-3 early, then watched as Luverne remained in command in the second period and opened up a 21-9 halftime advantage. Luverne remained in command in the second half and coasted to the 41-21 win.

Jacquetta Whitfield scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Ashley Hall led Luverne with 16 points.

Luverne (41): Kondratyeva 2, Hall 16, Person 4, Burnett 4, May 3, Grimes 6, Bagents 6, Elba (21): Whitfield 9, Carpenter 2, Pruitt 3, Oliver 2, Carnley 1, Caldwell 4.

Geneva Co. 49 Elba 26

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday night and were outscored 49-26. The Lady Tigers kept it close in the opening stanza and trailed only 7-6 after the first quarter, but saw Geneva County break loose in the second quarter to open up a

Boys

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Area 7, at Dothan High School Friday, Feb. 8
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7:30 - Russell Co. vs. Dothan County
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7:00 - Finals

Class 4A
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Class 2A
Area 3, at Daleville High School Friday, Feb. 8
6:30 - Opp vs. Ashford
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7:00 - Daleville vs. Opp-Ashford winner

Class 3A
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COMMUNITY NEWS



New Brockton High School seniors paid a visit to Enterprise-Ozark Community College recently where they learned all about being admitted to college, registering for classes, applying for financial aid, selecting a major, attending classes, and joining college clubs and organizations. The EOCC Mentors, the College's official hosts, assisted students with questions and decisions and took the seniors on a tour of the Enterprise Campus.

NOTICE FOR REPUBLICAN COUNTY OFFICE HOLDERS AND PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

The Coffee County Republican Committee is now qualifying candidates for county offices. Current office holders up for re-election, or someone desiring to run for office on the Republican ticket, should contact The Coffee County Republican Committee chairman, Don Weaver, at 334-393-5980 or 334-477-3778. The qualifying deadline is, mid-night on April the 4th.



Williams family moves to Geneva

Douglas and Glenda Williams, and Eulala Williams, moved to Geneva, AL to work with the Maple Ave. Church of Christ on January 3, 2008. After 17 years with the Gridertown Church of Christ, Opp, AL and working at Williams Signs, Inc. over 20 years each, the Williams went back into full time work with the church. They now reside at 605 W. Camellia Ave., Geneva, AL 36340. Telephone them at 334-684-7777.

Kinston students participate in Job Shadowing program

On Friday, Feb. 1, the eighth graders from Kinston High School participated in the Job Shadowing program in conjunction with Groundhog Day.

Students accompanied their parent/guardian or other adult to work to see first hand how the skills they learn in school are put into action in the workplace. Through this activity the students can see how characteristics such as manners, courtesy, punctuality, dependability, and teamwork are as important in the workplace as hard work and technical skills. Participating in the program is a win-win situation for the employers and students involved.

Employers are able to share with the students what will be expected of them in the workplace and the students are able to experience first hand what a day in the 'real world' has to offer. Job shadowing is often an eye opening experience for all students.

Kinston High School would like to express appreciation for all of the employers that were

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Regional peanut production meetings underway

The 2008 Alabama Regional Peanut production meetings, which began Jan., will continue with five more meetings scheduled throughout the state's peanut-producing areas.

Upcoming meetings include: Feb. 11, 6 p.m. in Robertsdale;

Feb. 12, 10 a.m., in Monroeville; Feb. 25, 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Farm Center Community Room; Feb. 26, 6 p.m., in the Harrison Room of the Troy University campus in Dothan; and Feb. 28, 6 p.m., at the Pike County Economic

Development Office on Highway 231 in Troy. A meal will be served at each of the meetings.

Scheduled speakers include: Randy Griggs of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association on the farm bill and industry issues; Marshall Lamb and Wilson Faircloth of the National Peanut Research Laboratory on marketing and economics; and Kris Balkcom, Austin Hagan and Ron Weeks of Auburn University's Wiregrass Research and Extension Center on production updates and issues.

For more information about the production meetings, contact your nearest county

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Officials arrest three suspects in connection to recent burglary cases in northern Coffee County

Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department recently reported the arrest of three suspects in connection with a rash of burglaries in northern Coffee County.

The burglaries occurred from mid-January through late-January.

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, officials with the sheriff's department responded to two separate burglaries of residences on Alabama Highway 87 North in the Zion Chapel community. According to Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, the victims reportedly arrived home to find that someone had attempted to pry the doors to gain entry into the homes. Being unsuccessful, he said the offender(s) then kicked in the door to gain entry.

Once inside each residence, Whitworth said the suspect(s) took items such as jewelry, computers, televisions and guns.

The following day, Wednesday, Jan. 16, Coffee County officials responded to a residence just north of Elba on County Road 364 (Taylor Mill Road). Here, they found evidence of another burglary with similar circumstances of entry as the two burglaries reported on the 15th.

Again, Whitworth said the suspect(s) took jewelry, guns, televisions and clothing.

On Friday, Jan. 25, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department received a report of another burglary on Hwy. 87 North. Whitworth said the similar circumstances were again evident with a lap top computer being taken from the residence.

After the burglaries, Whitworth said the sheriff's department began receiving information from local citizens in the area of the reported burglaries. He said officials compiled the information and released a BOLO for a vehicle fitting the description of one that had been seen in the areas. Officials soon discovered that other surrounding counties also had similar burglaries cases possibly involving the same type vehicle.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department stopped a vehicle matching the BOLO released by Coffee County on Friday, Jan. 25. Whitworth said

Elba's Kristin Kelley will travel overseas in June

Student excited to participate in People To People program

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Most people have dreams of taking a trip overseas to observe other cultures, and this June, one lucky Elba High School student will get to live out that dream.

Kristin Kelley, a 15-year-old freshman at Elba High School will take part in the People To People Student Ambassador Program and will travel to Europe on what her mother, Dolly Kelley, refers to as the "trip of a lifetime."

In order to be selected, a student must be nominated by a teacher or a peer. Kristin's nomination was anonymous.

She received an invitation letter from the program in July 2007. After she registered in September, she attended a meeting in Mobile, Ala. along with

numerous other students also wanting the opportunity.

Kristin said it was there when she learned that only six students would be selected to "venture abroad."

After the initial meeting, Kristin went to an interview in Daphne, Ala. While in the interview, she was asked why she wanted to participate in the program. Her response included many reasons such as her desire to travel overseas to experience other cultures, to learn about their religion, and day-to-day life.

Kristin said after the interview she was very anxious and awaited the call to inform her whether or not she was selected. As luck would have it, she only had to wait one day. It was then that a group leader from People To People informed Kristin that

she had in fact been selected.

The People To People Student Ambassador Program was started by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. Eisenhower started the program under his strong belief that

peaceful relations between nations require mutual respect between individuals," President Eisenhower believed if people understood other cultures then they would respect that culture, and through this there would be more peace.

The trip, however, must be paid for by a tuition fee of \$6,500 plus spending money. Since being chosen for the trip, Kristin and her family have raised \$3,000 through bake sales, quilt raffles, and various other fundraising projects. Just recently, Kristin spoke with the Elba Rotary Club, which reportedly pledged \$500 towards the cost of the trip.

The total tuition for the trip is due by Tuesday, April 1, and in the coming weeks, Kristin will be mailing letters detailing the trip to various businesses and civic groups in hopes of receiving additional pledges from the community.

When asked about the trip and her views of it Kristin replied, "I am looking forward to the trip to Europe and I feel honored to be selected."

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